

ROBERT L. PATTERSON AWARD

The Robert L. Patterson Award is being established in honor of his strong commitment to the conservation of sage-grouse and his seminal work, *The Sage Grouse in Wyoming*. The award will recognize those whom continue efforts to conserve and manage Gunnison and greater sage-grouse and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, and will be presented at the biennial of the Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop.

Award Criteria:

The intent of the award is to recognize individual(s) and organization(s) who have made significant contributions to sage and sharp-tailed grouse research, management or other support programs, which have enhanced the welfare of any of these three species. The contribution may be related to research, management activity, promotion of an integrated program, or some combination thereof. The contribution should be evidenced by a sustained effort over at least 10 years.

Selection Procedure:

1. Anyone can submit nominations to the Awards Committee, including members of the Awards Committee.
2. Nominations will be submitted to the Awards Committee Chairman at least one month prior to the biennial Sage and Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse Workshop.
3. Nominations should include the following information:
 - A. Name, address, and phone number of nominee.
 - B. Biographic sketch of individual or brief history of an organization.
 - C. Overview of contributions indicating the nature of the contributions, duration, how it has contributed to the welfare these species of grouse, and the geographic area influenced by the contributions.
4. A maximum of two individual awards and one organization awards may be presented at a biennial meeting. No awards will be given if the Awards Committee feels that no deserving individuals or organization are available at the time.

The first award will be to Robert L. Patterson, posthumously, and up to 2 individuals and/or organizations as indicated in the criteria above.

Please submit nominations electronically to christian.a.hagen@state.or.us no later than **May 22, 2008**.

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Awards Committee Chairman